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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for Counterintelligence  
Chief, Soviet/East European Division

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Brzezinski, 29 June 1978

1. I delivered the paper on a possible leak of information about Brzezinski's trip to the PRC. After reading the enclosures, Brzezinski in effect stated that everything in them was false, in the public domain or information that he had given to people like the Koreans and the Japanese and hence could have been available to the Nationalist Chinese indirectly. He further stated there was no loss of any information here.

2. I stated that over and beyond the loss of information there was the question of whether we had a leak in our government. Even though some of the information could theoretically have come from his discussions with the Japanese, their transmissions to their ambassador here, and a connection from him to the Chinese ambassador here, the more important issue is whether it might equally well have come from a leak within our government. Brzezinski continued to focus on the issue that there was an explainable way each piece of information could have been obtained by the Chinese. He refused to identify for me which pieces of information were true and which were false. Very early in the conversation when he had read the first paragraph or two of the shorter of the two memos, he said this was all false information and I said, "Is it false that you arranged for the President to go to China in November?" After some hesitation he said yes, it was false. He took the position that he could not negate what was false and true because there were major policy issues involved here. Later while I was sitting in his room reading, he dictated a memo of response to me to my memo requesting his opinion on this "leak." In it he indicated he had no objection to our going ahead with investigation of the leak. I told him it would be difficult to do this without knowledge of what was true and what was false.

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